

Beer Parish News

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St Michael's... ..and Village

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Calendar for September 2022

Sun 4th Sept	9:30am Morning Praise	<i>Creation-tide</i>	<i>Trinity 12</i>
Tues 6th	6:00pm Choir practice 7:30pm Bell ringing		
Wed 7th	8:30am Open the Book		
Thurs 8th	2:00pm "Questions o Life & Faith" St Greg's Church Centre		
Fri 9th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers		
Sun 11th	9:30am Communion Service 4pm "Remember our Child" Service — St Gregory's 6:30pm Evensong — St Gregory's Church	<i>Creation-tide</i>	<i>Trinity 13</i>
Tues 13th	6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm Bell ringing		
Wed 14th	10:00am Communion Service at BEER		
Sun 18th	9:30am Morning Praise <i>from 10:30am Big Church Picnic at Peco</i>	<i>Creation-tide</i>	<i>Trinity 14</i>
Tues 20th	6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm Bell Ringing		
Wed 21st	8:30am Open the Book 7:00pm Compline Service at SEATON		
Sat 24th	10:00am SOS Singers		
Sun 25th	9:30am Family Communion	<i>Creation-tide</i>	<i>Trinity 15</i>
Mon 26th	1:00pm Worship Team meeting followed by 2:00pm PCC Meeting		
Tues 27th	6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm Bell Ringing		
Wed 28th	10:00am Communion Service at SEATON		
Friday 30th	7:00pm Harvest Festival Service followed by Harvest Supper		
Sun Oct 2nd	9:30am Morning Praise	<i>Stewardship</i>	<i>Trinity 16</i>

*Our Sunday services in Beer are often broadcast on Facebook.
If you can't come to church, you can watch and hear them there,
either live or later at a time convenient to you!*

From Justin...

Rev's Ramblings

I am not green fingered. This will not be a surprise to those of who heard a recent sermon I gave at our United Service, for as much I really like seeing the garden, sitting in the garden, turning the lawnmowing and raking leaves into a workout or doing watering can shuttle runs, I'm no gardener. Because, in reality I don't have knowledge of sunlight and shade, soil substance, depth, or obscure flower names and all that other useful stuff to keep a garden healthy and growing.



However, my mother and father-in-law do and they have thus been attempting to impart their horticultural knowledge upon Melissa and I to be the 'Alan Titchmarsh' and 'Charlie Dimmock' of East Devon. We have summer and winter tasks to tend, to till, to keep and to sustain the garden as best we can. Sadly, though dear friends, the Britain in Bloom title in our coastal community will unlikely be coming from my personal contribution. Should you need a hardworking labourer however, I'm your person!

That all said, I am always at one in nature, outside in the garden, on the country trails and hills, climbing the coastal path or along the seafront. I stand in awesome wonder how a seed breaks and slowly turns its first shoots from the earth in spring into a fully grown plant and how I may glance one day at a bud and then the next there appears a flower, as if out of nowhere.

A lonely heron proudly surveying the waterside, cygnets transforming from grey to bright white, the smell of wild garlic and the first fruits on the tree, all bring immense joy to my heart. I could simply watch and wait at these most simple but intricate processes of growth and life. For me the wonder and delight of the created world speaks loudly of our creator God behind it, just as the psalmists regularly sang;

'How many are your works, Lord!

In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, vast and spacious,

teeming with creatures beyond number—

living things both large and small'. (Psalm 104.24-25).

Many churches use this time of year to hold special services and events to give thanks for God's gift of creation and to renew their commitment to caring for our one planet home. The Season of Creation or 'Creationtide' runs from September 1st to October 4th often culminating in Harvest festivals and is something we be doing in church throughout this month.

Part of this 'creation care' is our calling to pass on the gift of creation to the next generation with integrity and dignity. The extraordinary heat and storms we've experienced in Britain and continuous extremes of weather worldwide in recent years, has drawn to the front and centre of public discourse matters of climate change and the ethics of Earth-keeping.

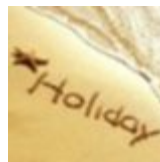
All human life is grounded in three important closely intertwined relationships; with God, with one another and with the earth itself. Perhaps now more than ever, the earth needs every one of us to acknowledge our responsibility and our care for it, for there is no life without impact and no footfall without footprint. We all have a part to play in being faithful stewards of creation.

In these special places we live here on Devon's coast, can I invite to pause each day in September to simply 'notice'. To notice the natural life around you, to view a sunrise or sunset, to see still waters or crashing waves. To notice perhaps acknowledge the bird taking rest in a tree or taking flight and allow all these things and more to speak a far more striking sermon than I could ever preach. Perhaps you, like me will see, we are all gardeners of planet earth, after all.

Grace and Peace - *Justin*

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

There was no meeting held in August with the Altar Guild team hoping everyone was enjoying their summer holiday



The Seaside songs of Praise and BBQ held on

21st August in Charlie's Yard was well attended and a lovely service lead by Gayle C followed by a BBQ which was enjoyed by all

Love and prayers to you all stay safe.

Date of next meeting: 13th September 2022 @ 10am



Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline - if you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us.

At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who faces dying or the imminent death of

someone they care about. We know that facing the end of life can leave you feeling isolated and alone.

Being able to access support is so important. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end of life and being prepared helps both the person dying and their loved ones to feel a sense of control.

Calls are free and confidential. **Call us on 0808 801 0688 - we have time to talk**

Please visit www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service to find out more.



A small local group who meet regularly in order to grow in the practice of Contemplative Prayer in the Christian tradition. We welcome people of ALL denominations, or none. Currently operating as "THE JULIAN GROUP AT HOME"

We invite you to join us virtually on the second Monday of each month at about 7.20pm by downloading and following an "order of proceedings" - available from the Coastal Church website. For more information contact: Sue Price, Reader at St Gregory's Seaton on 01297 22314

BEER PUMPKIN SHOW - SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

- It's Back

The Pumpkin Show is being held on Saturday 24th September at The Mariners Hall. Entries and weigh in from 10am - 1pm. Raffle tickets will be available in the morning.



The auction of produce and various donated items is being held for the first time since the pandemic. The Hall will be open at 7.30pm for 8pm start. Proceeds going to local Beer charities. Donations of items would be gratefully received. Please email, phone us or pop the donations to the Hall in the morning.

Everyone is welcome to come and enter vegetables or decorated vegetables. We have classes for heaviest pumpkins, heaviest marrows, 4 heaviest onions, and best shaped pumpkin. There is a competition for decorated vegetables. There are two age groups 6 and under and 7 and over. There is also an adult class. All entries are to be at The Mariners Hall by 1pm on the day for judging. The Hall is open to receive entries from 10am - 1pm. For more information telephone 01297 21955.

People wishing to obtain a pumpkin for parties or soup can come to the Hall on the evening and acquire one for a donation.

Fine Foundation Centre

Beer Village Heritage

Reg. Charity No.1087162

Thanks to the fishermen and some intrepid rock-poolers the fish tanks have been re-stocked with a variety of species. The wrasse are fine specimens and

seem to have settled in very well. The Fine Foundation Centre continues to attract a steady stream of visitors both young and old.

Our rock-pooling session during Regatta Week was a bit of a wash-out. A thunderstorm, with heavy rain and hail, sent us fleeing for shelter after a fairly short session. Although soaked to the skin we collected a number of prawns, winkles and plenty of seaweed, and the youngsters enjoyed seeing the fish in the tanks being fed. They considered the whole event as a great adventure. The helpers eventually reached their homes to dry out and warm up!

Regatta Day saw us offering Fossil Fun in Charlie's Yard. Youngsters made and painted Plaster of Paris models of fossils as well as creating and designing their own dinosaurs, both as a model and on paper. A number of other activities were on offer as well as an opportunity to study a collection of fossils. We met families from around the country and it was lovely to hear how they much they enjoy their visits to Beer.

Our hag-stone collection continues to grow. It's part of the celebrations to mark the twentieth anniversary of the World Heritage Site and we hope that you will all take part. Outside the centre, the exhibits in the display cases are available all the time. You can access the Beer Village Heritage walks and I-Spy on line via our website: <http://www.beervillageheritage.org.uk/>.

The August "Pebbles People" video for the Jurassic Coast Trust's celebrations for their 20th anniversary saw Carol and Mike Green exploring the rock pools as an example of how geology and geomorphology affect and create habitats. You can see them on: <https://jurassiccoast.org/the-jurassic-coast-turns-20/> and click on the videos in the YouTube section.

I've been tackling the "wild" part of the garden this week. Somehow our wild flower area has been taken over by thistles, which are lovely when in bloom but a bit of a nightmare when they go to seed!! I was amazed some years ago, on a walk over Beer Common with the botanist Mike Lock, to find 7 different varieties of thistle. One of them – I think that it was the Musk Thistle – has a lovely distinctive scent. Some of our teasels are still in flower, with delicate lines of lilac blossoms around their prickly heads. Their leaves, which grow in pairs direct from the stem, usually hold a little reservoir of water, which makes them a good friend to small birds. However, the prolonged dry spell has resulted in very few of these natural bird baths remaining. One way in which you can help the birds is to ensure that there is fresh water available for them. They need it to drink and for washing themselves. Even our sea gulls like fresh water! For some birds, the ripening blackberries will provide liquid. Hopefully the recent rain will have helped some of our garden and wild flowers to recover from lack of water. Chalk drains very quickly which has resulted in parched soils and a number of dead plants. Incidentally, if you do water your garden, consider giving areas a thorough soaking once a week rather than a splash every day. It will encourage plants to put down roots deeper into the ground which will prevent their being dried out near the surface.

Did you watch the shooting stars around 12th August? There were some spectacular displays just as night was falling. The full moon meant that it was more difficult to see the meteors later as the sky was too light.

Beer Village Heritage and the Fine Foundation Centre are run entirely by volunteers. Our regular helpers such as David Morling, Nick Jones, Mike Green, Chris Jones, Carol Green, Henry or Norah Jagers are always happy to provide more information about the organisation. Alternatively you can contact us on 01297 20858 or at beervillageheritage@yahoo.co.uk



beervillageheritage.org.uk



Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

On Saturday 23rd July and Sunday 24th July we took our stall to Natural Seaton and on Saturday 6th August we went to Whitford Summer Fair. We had a lovely and successful time at both events. At the time of writing my report we were speeding through August and looking forward to taking our stall to the Seaton Carnival Bank Holiday events and to entering the Seaton Carnival Procession on Saturday 3rd September. We also look forward to the Axe Yacht Club Charity Weekend on Sunday 18th September in aid of our branch of the RNLI.



As we progress to October we look forward to our Annual Sponsored Walk that this year will be on Sunday 23d October. We will be walking the route from Woodhouse Hill near Uplyme to Seaton via Musbury, Colyton and Colyford. We

completed the walk in 2010 and 2015 and the distance is approximately ten miles. (no GPS measuring distances when we did it then!) Sponsor forms and details available soon by email to wac500@hotmail.co.uk or telephone message 01297 23040.

Additional volunteers are welcome and needed to join us at our own events, the events we attend in our area and at our lovely Shop at Jubilee Gardens, Beer. If you can help please come and see us at our Shop, when we are out and about with our stall or for information contact us. Details are as above.

Once again we thank all our Volunteers and Supporters plus everyone who attends our events for your support.

Wendy Cummins

Secretary

Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI



Beer Film Society



www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk

Thursday 15th September 2022 at the Mariners` Hall
Doors open at 6.45pm. Film starts 7.30pm.
Bar available.

(FILM TO BE ANNOUNCED)



Members £5. Non members £7
Numbers limited - to book tickets email
beerfilmsociety@gmail.com



Beer Parish Council Newsletter

Asset Transfer Working Group Update –

As we approach the summer break in proceedings. The working group felt it was a good idea to summarise progress to date. The key points are listed below.

- Version 12 of the Heads of terms document is due to go back to EDDC cabinet for approval in September.
- BPC has requested a delay so that the working group can complete its review and advise EDDC of any preferred alterations.
- The BPC working group is in a ‘discovery phase’. Asking questions of EDDC and gathering views from across the village.
- The BPC working group is working towards completing a 1 page appraisal document for each of the ‘Assets’.
- This work includes gathering up to date cost estimates for conveyancing, insurance, land registry etc and ongoing service and management.
- The document will also include a summary of opportunities and risks for both continued EDDC ownership and BPC ownership
- Members of the Working group will call for a ‘single item agenda’ EGM once the appraisals have been completed. The notice required for this is 5 days. It is anticipated this will be called for towards the end of September or early October.
- There are public concerns about how the Jubilee and Charlie’s Yard will be utilised for commercial activity. The working group will recommend that BPC confirm a list of criteria to control the frequency, type and duration of activities. Any development would need to be sympathetic and responsive to residents views. Namely, to start low key and infrequent to find what works.
- EDDC have confirmed that the Jubilee toilets are currently category A, but this is not in perpetuity. There are no further planned reviews at this stage.
- EDDC have confirmed a ‘concerning £40 million overspend’ in the first 2 months of their budget. Ref BPC meeting minutes July Item 7 – 13th July 2022.

- EDDC have confirmed that the sale of assets to commercial interests is ongoing across the division, the ongoing Beer Pilot negotiation is preventing any of the assets in question being considered.
- No provision will be made for a reversal of the asset transfer. This would require a separate business case to be made to promote the sale back to EDDC.

The overall aim of the working group is to condense the information into several 'layers' of complexity. Residents can then choose how much information they wish to consider before voting in a parish poll.



Level 1: Full documentation including items such as, legal documents, Heads of Terms, Insurance Documents and Service level agreements

Level 2: Working group appraisal documents for each asset and major document

Level 3: Working group full summary document containing all the major points for consideration

Level 4: Concise summary for 10-minute consideration

The working group documents are produced by a collaborative effort of residents and councillors from a diverse demographic. The working group currently consists of male and female participants over the age of 35. The working group needs to be kept to a size that doesn't stifle progress, however, representation from the younger generation would be welcomed. The group includes representation from members of the Friends of Beer group and is open to receive further requests for attendance that maintain the current blend of participants. Please contact James Green for further information cllrgreenbpc@gmail.com 07714328352

Parish Clerk Vacancy --

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we are looking for a new clerk for Beer Parish Council, as our current clerk is leaving us after the September Council meeting. We have all really enjoyed working with Jakki over the last 5 months and we wish her all the best in her new role.

Please see our website for further details and job description - www.beerparishcouncil.org.uk

Axe Valley Christians Against Poverty

www.capuk.org

Prayer Requests : September 2022

Thank you for using this prayer guide to inform and assist you

in praying for AVCAP. This month ...



- Praise the Lord that AVCAP now has 12 clients! It is great news that we are able to help so many people in the Axe Valley – but of course there are many more who need the support of CAP to help them out of debt. We do need more volunteers to assist in the task, however ...
- Praise the Lord that 3 more people have volunteered as potential Befrienders. Sharon is currently meeting with each of them – please pray that they will, after training, come on board to love more of our clients on their roads to freedom from debt.
- Please pray for one of our clients who is currently recovering from major surgery. This person's great desire is to live healthily and be able to look after his young son. Of course we can also pray that his financial situation will, with AVCAP's help, improve, and that he will have an encounter with the risen Jesus that will change his life for good.
- Please pray for those clients who battle with meetings and form filling. Both can seem huge challenges. Sharon recently described two particular client meetings as, "Blood, sweat and tears but above all, love" as she witnessed God's empowering in this type of situation. Praise his name!
- There is a possibility that AVCAP will work with Christmas Hampers in the Axminster area this year. Pray that this will happen and that it will spread the word about AVCAP to more people in the area, while also distributing some welcome Christmas treats.
- We have two clients who are about to start their journeys out of debt via a Debt Relief Order and Bankruptcy. These are life changing pathways for both clients, and they need our prayers as they face up to a new and unfamiliar future. Pray that they will know the everlasting arms of Father God, holding them close at this time.
- We now have 5 people on the Management Team, a possible 6 Befrienders, about a dozen financial sponsors/supporters, 14 on the WhatsApp Prayer Team and just over 40 supporters who receive this prayer guide directly (apart from

those who have it distributed through their church). Praise God for each and every one!

- While giving thanks for the finance we have received so far, please pray that our sponsors will feel able to continue this support when their current 2-year sponsorships expire soon. Also that more financial support will be forthcoming to enable AVCAP to continue into the future.
- Please pray for Alison Finch, who has been acting as Sharon's Line Manager for the last few months. She is now training as an Anna Chaplain – a ministry offering spiritual care in later life. Pray also for Rev Justin Montague, recently appointed Vicar of St Gregory's, Seaton, who has taken on the role of Line Manager.
- For some families, school summer holidays can be quite a struggle as children need to be fed, entertained and taken on outings. With school starting up again, pray that some of their financial burdens will be lifted, along with anxiety and pressures on health and wellbeing.
- Recently Sharon had a meeting with one of our clients at a local Bank which lasted 2½ hours and addressed a very difficult situation. Give thanks to God for the help given by the Bank Officer and their patience and support. Please use our local banks (open an account if you don't already have one) – it would be disastrous if more branches were to close!

Please copy this to distribute to your friends and/or congregation. To receive a personal copy, send your name and email address to jillpurkiss2018@gmail.com and for "arrow" prayers via WhatsApp, send your name and mobile number. If you wish to be removed from either list, please email Jill. Thank you so much.

Would you like an opportunity to help in our school community?

Beer Primary School is looking for a volunteer to help with keeping our school gardens tidy and productive. Any time that you have available would be appreciated.

For further details please contact our school administrator:

Verity: 01297 20077

Email: bps.admin@stcmat.org



A SERVICE FOR BEREAVED

parents and their families

St. Gregory's Parish Church, Seaton

Sunday 11th September at 4pm

Back in 2019 we last held a service together for parents and families who have suffered the loss of a child (young or old) and those who have suffered the loss of a baby through stillbirth, neonatal death or miscarriage. The service this year will be on Sunday 11th September at 4pm. Everyone is very warmly invited to this service whether you come to church regularly or have never been before. If you know someone affected by this then please do invite them along. There will be contact information available for relevant charities should anyone want their details. Even if you are not affected by this I would ask if you could please attend and support. Your prayers and support by just being at this service really will help others. Some of the people taking part in this service have been affected by this and wanted to take part and help others. There will be a list of children read out during the service who people wish to remember. If you would like a name of a child read out to be remembered please do contact me. Thank you for your love and support.

DAVID DICKINSON

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BEER WI - SUMMER REPORT

Beer WI takes a well-earned rest during August when friends and family descend for the summer holidays and Regatta Week.



This however did not prevent us holding an excellent fund-raising Tombola at the end of July, so thanks to Graham for letting us have a table at his craft fair. Also, thanks to all the members who supplied the many required items and the team of members who ran the stall on a bright, but chilly Saturday.

Some of our various activities have continued on a fortnightly or weekly basis, book club, creative writing and Canasta.

Our next meeting is on 7th September, 7 for 7.30, at the Congregational Church Hall. Our speaker is Nathalie Andrew with a talk entitled "Love my wardrobe – cleverness with scarves". On that evening there will also be a scarf swap between members and the judging of a home-made Apple Cake competition.

For more information call 01297 21864 or 01297 599157. Guests and new members always welcome.

"Questions of Life and Faith" resumes in September after a short summer break. The location has moved to St Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton and will be on the second Thursday of every month from 2 to 3.30ish (with a cuppa at the end). The next session is 8th September. It is a very open group and anyone is welcome to come along and explore with others their questions about life and faith. There is no agenda and we discuss what people there on the day choose.

Karen Curnock

“In Conversation With ...” No. 9,

In Conversation with Henry and Norah Jagers

If anyone can be described as being plugged-in to village life, then Henry and Norah qualify hands down. From Ambassadorial roles promoting our own Jurassic coast to fish tanks in the Heritage Centre, and from drumming up recruits for Short Mat Bowls to editing the publication you hold in your hands at this moment – there isn’t much happening in Beer that this couple – in their own quiet unassuming way – don’t help along in some way.

Fittingly, their house with its western aspect takes in the whole of Beer village and the surrounding hills. We sit on the veranda in bright sunshine. A thickly planted garden falls away down the slope. The surrounding hills are sand-yellow from weeks with no rain. Sunlight glitters on the sea. It’s a grand view. So: how did they come to be here?

Norah: It was just 21 years ago that Henry and I decided to put together 3 cats and a dog and ourselves. That is, get married, find a house and live together. We actually met through sailing. We both were involved – still are involved – with the National Comet class of sailing dinghies.

Henry: Yes, I was Chair of the Comet Association for 11 years.

Norah: And I was Secretary for 26 years. So, having decided to get married we looked for a house with a sea view and a garden. But in fact we didn’t choose this house: it chose us. The moment we stepped in through the front door – before we even saw the view or the garden – we looked at each other and we agreed: this was the house.

My working life has been in Social Work, much of it in Management. From the age of 18 until I was 66 that was my profession. I took time out, though, to have two children. Would I repeat it? Absolutely, yes. Given my time again I would do exactly the same. Although I have to say, since I’ve been associated with the AONB here in the South West I feel extremely envious of those people whose job is in outdoor conservation work. I would have loved a job in that area.

Henry: My own working life involved physics, chemistry and fluid dynamics. I was a research scientist working on various aspects of combustion, gas detection and dispersal, and the possible huge explosions which could pose a risk with large-scale gas storage and the national gas distribution network. So, yes, you could say my career had an explosive side to it. We all tend to take our domestic gas supply for granted, but there is a national pipeline distributing gas all over Great Britain and one of my jobs, along with other scientists, was to look into the explosive potential of this network and the associated gas storage

sites. How easily could it explode? What would the consequences be of a catastrophic explosion or a gigantic fireball? We're talking about hundreds of miles of pipe a metre in diameter, with gas pressure up to 1000 psi. We experimented. On a remote site in Cumbria, in the middle of a pine forest, we used to set a charge and deliberately blow-up a pipe (observing it from a mile away). Valuable and interesting



work, we learnt a lot about the implications of an explosion in the national pipeline. With the reorganisation of the industry I took early retirement in 1995 but have never been short of things to occupy myself since then.

Norah: Working for the Heritage Centre on Sea Hill takes up much of my time. We promote both the Centre and the status of the Jurassic Coast. The motto is to educate, enthuse and excite the public.

Question: But that's not all you two get up to, is it?

Henry: I'm a Freemason; and I'm still a very active sail-racer.

Norah: And I give talks to visiting groups such as American Geologists.

Henry: And I design and print publicity posters for events in the village and all sorts of other things.

Norah: And I'm keen on short-mat bowls.

Henry: And I'm the treasurer of the short-mat bowls club, and we need more members! Oh, and I edit the Parish Magazine.

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Making things happen could be a motto for this couple. There is no fuss or fanfare behind what they do, yet their work does much to shape village life. What else is 'village life' but the getting together of people to play, compete, entertain, and exercise talents. It's not quite accurate to speak of fingers in pies, but this couple obviously get great satisfaction from the many projects they are involved with. There's no doubt Beer has a distinctive character, and it's made out of the people who live and work and play here. We have this modest couple up on the hill to thank for a large part of that.

Axe Valley, Coastal and Holyford Mission Communities

welcome you to our...

Big Church Picnic

Sunday 18 September 2022

Taste and See that the Lord is Good! Psalm 34



Come along with your picnic and family *

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Open from 10.30. Suggested lunch together @ 12.30pm

- Train Rides & Garden Tours!
- Creative Play and Prayer
- Arty Activities
- Music
- Wildway walk
- Outdoor play areas
- TableTennis (please bring own bat/balls!)

3.30pm Worship Together with live music and song!



NB As this is a private event. NO ONSITE CATERING WILL BE OPEN

***Sorry no BBQs Dogs on leads at all times!**

BOOKING by email Shuna.art@gmail.com or phone Rev Shuna George on 07971 759997

What's in a Name?

When Dave Mutter opened Regatta this year he talked about the nicknames which people in Beer have given to one another. He recalled a raft of folk from several generations. How many do you remember?

Did anyone go to Bingo last night? I believe Kelvin Bewick or Blanche Bouverie was the caller, he does a great job. That got me thinking: Many years ago I remembered being asked how I got the nickname Bilko. I thought then there weren't many people with nicknames in Beer so I told him to see Gimlet or Enoch. They didn't know and said that Getty, Chunky, Nut Nut, Pud, Sam, Radar, Huggy and Nobby were out to sea so he couldn't ask them and Ike had just started sailing and Popeye was busy with the deck chairs. So Gimlet told the bloke to ask Jockey but then thought of Trot's Corner. Alas White Eagle, Dilly, Honda, Nitram and Teapot were no wiser so they asked Pudgery who thought Scruffy might know. He was playing football with Archie, Holy Joe, Taffy, Joey, Spud, Rubber, Bucko, Topsy and Triger. They were having fun playing football on the cliff, but were soon chased off by Copper Rod. Fortunately, Bullet was nearby but was too busy working out the weather and Tweedy was off pebble picking but he then saw Cobblers walking with Stoke and Prickle with Juggler, but they were rushing to the social club for skittles so he approached Zaco leaning on his broom and Bun drinking his coffee. They scratched their heads and pointed to Brown's where Spock, Whissy and Giffo were, but they didn't know and had to take cover as Pongo sped past out on a Coastguard shout. They then heard Fatty, Spicer and Baldrick singing "It's a long way to Tipperary" in the pub with Plum and Cocoa enjoying a pint served by Kipper while waiting for a meal cooked by Chink. They pointed to Nobby and Doc who were talking to Whippet and Bimmy. They were miffed but saw Froggy and Nacker walking outside in deep conversation with Ferret when Ice roared past out on a plumbing emergency and then Farmer ambled up alongside Ginger who were looking for Shrub and Tino. Fortunately Loachy was out delivering his meat and suggested asking Echo. "Of course I know" said Echo – it was me that gave him the nickname Bilko one scout night! If only there were more people I knew with nicknames in Beer.

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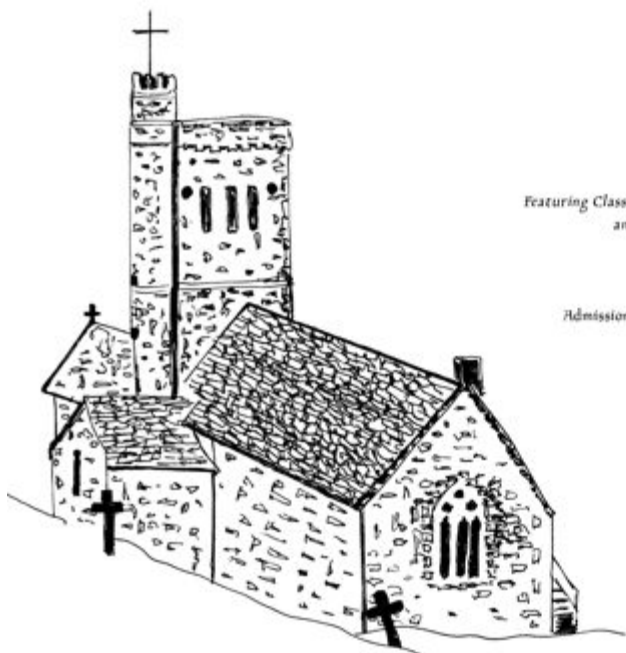
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Easily said.

Some people are presented with such colossal loss, such depth of grief, such extreme limitations on so-called ordinary living conditions that achieving inner peace would seem a million miles away, a weird dream. What is not a weird dream, though, is the single step of becoming consciously present in now. Even in the depths of unimaginable suffering there is still the next breath to be taken, the content of the present moment to be noted, the awareness of on-going *nowness*. That requires stillness and presence.

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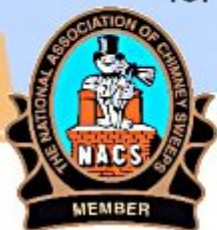
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Urgent – Beer Regatta 2023 needs you!

In order for there to be a Regatta next year, the widely publicised existing vacancies **MUST** be filled. The current officers will be stepping down at the AGM and although they will be happy to continue on the Committee to support the new members, they will **NOT** be re-standing.

Beer Regatta cannot continue unless the 3 key roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are appointed at the **AGM on Monday 19th September at 7.30pm at Beer Sailing Club**. These roles can be split into job shares!

CHAIR – vacant. This role chairs our meetings and supports the Committee with ad-hoc duties, general promotion and trouble shooting during the Regatta week. This role is supported by the Vice Chair and this role is filled.

SECRETARY – vacant. This role deals with correspondence, checks the meeting minutes and distributes them, and deals with insurance and licences.

TREASURER – vacant. This role does the Regatta accounts.

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